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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: ANGLO-POLISH CONVERSATIONS IN LONDON

DURING AHG MEETING ON 5 FEB 74, UK REP (ROSE)  
DISTRIBUTED A SUMMARY OF MBFR-RELATED DISCUSSIONS  
ATTENDANT TO A VISIT TO LONDON BY POLISH VICE  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, M. BISZTYGA, ON 29  
AND 30 JANUARY '74. THE UK REP POINTED OUT TWO  
POSSIBLY SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS BY M. BISZTYGA: THE FIRST,  
A STATEMENT THAT HE EXPECTED TO HAVE TO ACCEPT THE WESTERN TWO-  
PHASEIDEA IN THE END;

THE SECOND, AN INDICATION THAT PERHAPS THE POLES  
WERE ON THE WRONG TRACK IN ADHERING RIGIDLY TO  
POLISH POSITIONS, AND THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO  
LOOK FOR ACCEPTABLE POINTS IN THE WESTERN ATTITUDE.

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BEGIN TEXT.

1. DURING A VISIT TO LONDON AT THE END OF JANUARY BY THE POLISH VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFIARS, M. BISZTYGA, THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS. IN CONVERSATION WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS ON 29 JANUARY, M. BISZTYGA WAS TOLD THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM ACCEPTED THAT EUROPEAN FORCES WOULD BE INCLUDED IN PHASE II, BUT THAT THE LINK BETWEEN PHASE I AND PHASE II HAD YET TO BE NEGOTIATED. AFTER SOME GENERAL EXCHANGES ON THE TIMING OF THE TWO PHASES, M. BISZTYGA SAID, APPARENTLY WITH RESIGNATION, "WELL, I EXPECT WE SHALL AC EPT YOUR TWO-PHASE IDEA IN THE END".

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY, SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME, ON 29 JANUARY, HOWEVER, AND IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH OFFICIALS, M. BISZTYGA STUCK FIRMLY TO THE ORTHODOX POLISH LINE ON MBFR, EMPHASISING THE IMPORTANCE THE POLES ATTACHED TO REDUCTIONS OF NATIONAL FORCES (PARTICULARLY THE BUNDESWEHR) IN PHASE I, AND TO THE INCLUSION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

3. DURING HIS TALK WITH THE MINISTER OF STATE, MR AMERY, ON 30 JANUARY, M. BISZTYGA REMARKED THAT THE POLISH EXPERTS (I.E. ON MBFR) WERE PERHAPS WORKING ON THE WRONG INSTRUCTIONS. AT THE MOMENT THEY THOUGHT IT THEIR DUTY TO DEFEND TO THE LAST THE STARTING POSITIONS OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT. BUT PERHAPS, HE OPINED, THIS EFFORT WAS WRONGLY DIRECTED AND POLISH EXPERTS SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS ON LOOKING FOR ACCEPTABLE POINTS IN THE ATTITUDE OF THE OTHER SIDE. THAT WOULD GREATLY SIMPLIFY THE TASK OF THE POLITICIANS IN EVENTUALLY FINDING A SOLUTION.

4. IN A FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH OFFICIALS, M. BISZTYGA DENIED THAT WARSAW PACT SPOKESMEN IN VIENNA HAD REJECTED PARTS OF THE ALLIED PROPOSALS THEY "HAD SO FAR REJECTED NOTHING". VERY CAREFUL WORDING HAD FOR EXAMPLE BEEN CHOSEN FOR AMBASSADOR KHLESTOV'S STATEMENT IN PLENARY ON 13 DECEMBER AND FOR M. STRULAK'S PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE END OF THE FIRST SESSION. END TEXT.HUMES

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